

## **NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARING**

D.T.E. 01-71B

December 4, 2001

Investigation by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy on its own motion, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 1E, 76 and 93, into Massachusetts Electric Company's service quality filings, including but not limited to, their service quality filings submitted in response to Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 99-84.

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On September 7, 2001, the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") opened an investigation into the quality of electric service provided by the electric distribution companies. In this phase of the investigation, the Department will focus on: (1) whether Massachusetts Electric Company ("MECo" or "Company") met the service quality thresholds established by the Department in Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 99-84 (2001) beginning May 1, 2000; and (2) if not, what penalties should be imposed by the Department on the Company.

The Department has conducted public hearings concerning this docket throughout MECo's service territory and will hold an additional public hearing as follows:

Thursday, December 20, 2001, at 7:00 p.m.: The Fred J. Kyrouz Auditorium,  
Gloucester City Hall, 9 Dale Avenue, Gloucester, MA.

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Massachusetts Electric Company ("MECo") is required to give notice of the public hearing by publication once at least fourteen (14) days prior to December 20, 2001, in the Boston Globe or the Boston Herald. MECo is also required to give notice of the public hearing by publication in the Lawrence Eagle Tribune, the Worcester Telegram, the Berkshire Eagle (Pittsfield), the Patriot Ledger (Quincy), the Enquirer and Mirror (Nantucket), and the Enterprise (Brockton). MECo is further ordered to serve a copy of this notice by mail to the Chairmen of the Boards of Selectmen, the Mayors, and the City Clerks in every municipality in its service territories.

MECo is required to make return of service and publication at the time of the public hearing on December 20, 2001.

By Order of the Department,

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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary